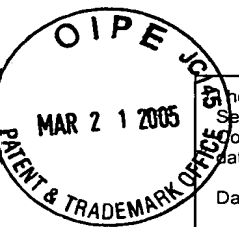


Rec'd PCT/PTO 21 MAR 2005

#5



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: March 18, 2005

Signature:

Shawn P. Foley
(Shawn P. Foley)

Docket No.:
OSTEONICS 3.3-332
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Mays et al.

Application No. 10/501,754

Filed: July 22, 2004

For: GLASS-IONOMER CEMENTS CONTAINING
AMINO ACIDS

:
:
:
:
: Group Art Unit: N/A
:
: Examiner: Not Yet
Assigned
:
:
:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.